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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shoichiro Usui
Appl. No. : 09/731,170
Filed : December 6, 2000
For : HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND
METHOD OF FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS
SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Action of November
19, 2003. Please amend the application as follows: